Abstract

A method of manufacturing a moulded product comprising the steps of: providing a mould conforming to the shape of the product the mould serving to define one or more moulding surfaces which are to be reproduced in an article formed via the mould; mounting in the mould an article including or forming an image comprising at least one device, logo, letter, word or words or combinations of these in such a way that most, if not all of the article lies within the mould out of contact with the or each moulding surface; and injecting into the mould a supply of polymerisible material so as to immerse the article; the material, at least following polymerisation being flexible and so providing at least in part, a substantially transparent product; and withdrawing the product from the mould. Typically the step of providing product is directed to an article of footwear such as a shoe or swimming fin (also known as a flipper). The invention provides for a single stage product or the step of providing the mould conforming to the shape of the product serves also to juxtapose a previously formed or moulded product for attachment to a product formed in the injection step. The invention extends to a moulded product which is of flexible plastics material moulded by way of the method.

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